

ATTENTION

EMPLOYERS OF TIPPED EMPLOYEES

OCTOBER 1, 2006

THE MINIMUM WAGE IN ARKANSAS IS \$6.25 PER HOUR

Does The New Law Apply to Me?

Yes, if you have more than four employees. Beginning October 1, 2006, all employers having more than 4 employees must pay the Arkansas minimum wage, even those employers who have paid the federal minimum wage in the past.

How Much Do I Pay My Tipped Employees?

You MUST pay a cash wage of 42% of the minimum wage or \$2.62 per hour. You MUST pay this wage, even if you have previously paid the federal cash wage of \$2.13 per hour.

You MAY take a tip credit of 58% of the minimum wage, or \$3.63 per hour for tips actually received and retained by an employee. Tips must be sufficient to bring the server's wages up from \$2.62 per hour to \$6.25 per hour.

What is the Overtime Rate for Tipped Employees?

For tipped employees the overtime rate is \$9.38

Where Do I Get a Copy of The New Law?

To get a copy of the new law go to <u>www.arkansas.gov/labor</u> and click on the link the Department has provided.

Where Do I Get a Copy of The New Minimum Wage and Overtime Poster?

You may call 501-682-4500 or go to www.arkansas.gov/labor and click on the link provided.